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SUBJECT: REPLY TO NYERERE'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

REF: STATE 65475

1. WE AGREE THAT TIME IS NOW RIGHT FOR REPLY TO NYERERE'S LETTER
AND APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO IT.

2. POINTS PARA 2 REFTEL STRIKE US AS THE RIGHT ONES TO MAKE. IN
ADDITION WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN EMPHASIS ON 1) CONTINUING US-
TANZANIAN RELATIONSHIP BEYOND RHODESIA, 2) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT
PATRIOTIC FRONT IS JUSTIFIED IN EXPECTING A SPECIAL POSITION AT
THE CONFERENCE BECUASE OF ITS MILITARY ROLE, AND 3) REAFFIRMING
US COMMITMENT TO ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS BY REASSURING NYERERE
ON THE PRINCIPLES THAT WE ALL HAVE AGREED ARE ESSENTIAL TO AN
ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT.

3. ON THIS BASIS WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING DRAFT. BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR PRESIDENT NYERERE: I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL LETTER
OF MARCH 3 ON RHODESIA. IT WAS WELCOME AND CONTRIBUTED MUCH
TO MY UNDERSTANDING. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE ACTED ON THE SUGGESTION
YOU MADE TO ME AND PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN THAT A FULL-SCALE
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CONFERENCE BE CALLED TO WHICH ALL THE PRINCIPAL PARTIES IN THE
RHODESIAN CONFLICT WOULD BE INVITED. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT
THIS IS THE BEST WAY TO HANDLE THE SITUATION IN PRESENT
CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS HAS DONE MUCH
TO OBTAIN A WIDE ACCEPTANCE FOR THEM AS A BASIS FOR A RHODESIAN

SETTLEMENT. WE CLEARLY NEED, HOWEVER, GREATER ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLES IN THOSE PROPOSALS BY THE PARTIES MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED. THE PRINCIPLES THAT ARE ESSENTIAL TO AN ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT INCLUDE FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS, AN IRREVERSIBLE PROCESS TO PRODUCE THE END OF WHITE MINORITY RULE, AND AN IMPORTANT AND SUBSTANTIAL ROLE FOR THE LIBERATION FORCES. THE TRANSITION PERIOD MUST BRING AN END TO WHITE MINORITY RULE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME IT MUST NOT BE DESIGNED TO ESTABLISH THE POWER OF ANY PARTICULAR FACTION. WE STAND PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO SEEK THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PRINCIPLES AND WILL NOT ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH ANY ARRANGEMENT THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE THEM.

5. SECRETARY VANCE IN THE PAST WEEK HAS MET WITH BISHOP MUZOREWA AND JOSHUA NKOMO AND ROBERT MUGABE TO URGE THEM TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE. AT THIS POINT I AM NOT CONFIDENT THAT NKOMO AND MUGABE WILL AGREE TO A CONFERENCE AND I HOPE THAT YOU MIGHT FIND A WAY TO URGE THEM TO ATTEND. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PARTIES SHOULD COME TO THE CONFERENCE WITH A LONG LIST OF PRE-CONDITIONS, BUT NEITHER DO I BELIEVE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT CAN BE PERSUADED TO ATTEND IF THE SPECIAL STATUS IT HAS ACHIEVED DURING THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IS NOT RECOGNIZED. LET THE PARTIES COME TO THE CONFERENCE AS THEY ARE AND WE WILL SEE WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED.

6. IT HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF GREAT SATISFACTION TO ME TO HAVE
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ENJOYED YOUR CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT AS WE HAVE TOGETHER SOUGHT A JUST SOLUTION FOR RHODESIA. I ALSO PLACE THE HIGHEST VALUE ON MAINTAINING THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, EVEN BEYOND WHAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH ON THIS DIFFICULT ISSUE. END TEXT.
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